UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RYAN O'DELL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SEASPINE HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

SHIVA Y. STEIN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SEASPINE HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

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## ORDER REGARDING GENERAL PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT

## BARBARA MOSES, United States Magistrate Judge.

The above-referenced related actions have been referred to Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses for general pretrial management, including scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement, and for report and recommendation on dispositive motions, if any, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B). All pretrial motions and applications, including those related to scheduling and discovery, must be made to Judge Moses and in compliance with this Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, available on the Court's website at <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-barbara-moses">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-barbara-moses</a>. Parties and counsel are cautioned:

- 1. Once a discovery schedule has been issued, all discovery must be initiated in time to be concluded by the close of discovery set by the Court.
- 2. Discovery applications, including letter-motions requesting discovery conferences, must be made promptly after the need for such an application arises and must comply with Local Civil Rule 37.2 and § 2(b) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices. It is the

Court's practice to decide discovery disputes at the Rule 37.2 conference, based on the parties' letters, unless a party requests or the Court requires more formal briefing. Absent extraordinary circumstances, discovery applications made later than 30 days prior to the close of discovery may be denied as untimely.

- 3. For motions other than discovery motions, pre-motion conferences are not required, but may be requested where counsel believe that an informal conference with the Court may obviate the need for a motion or narrow the issues.
- 4. Requests to adjourn a court conference or other court proceeding (including a telephonic court conference) or to extend a deadline must be made in writing and in compliance with § 2(a) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices. Telephone requests for adjournments or extensions will not be entertained.
- 5. In accordance with § 1(d) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices, letters and lettermotions are limited to four pages, exclusive of attachments. Courtesy copies of letters and lettermotions filed via ECF are required only if the filing contains voluminous attachments. Courtesy copies should be delivered promptly, should bear the ECF header generated at the time of electronic filing, and should include tabs for the attachments.
- 6. If you are aware of any party or attorney who should receive notice in these actions, other than those currently listed on the docket sheets, please notify Courtroom Deputy Tamika Kay at (212) 805-0228 immediately.
- 7. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(3) and (b)(4), all depositions in these actions may be taken via telephone, videoconference, or other remote means, and may be recorded by any reliable audio or audiovisual means. This Order does not dispense with the requirements set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(5), including the requirement that, unless the parties stipulate otherwise, the deposition be "conducted before an officer appointed or designated under Rule

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28," and that the deponent be placed under oath by that officer. For avoidance of doubt, a

deposition will be deemed to have been conducted "before" an officer so long as that officer

attends the deposition via the same remote means (e.g., telephone conference call or video

conference) used to connect all other remote participants, and so long as all participants

(including the officer) can clearly hear and be heard by all other participants.

8. Counsel for the plaintiffs must serve a copy of this Order on any defendant

previously served with the summons and complaint, must serve this Order along with the

summons and complaint on all defendants served hereafter, and must file proof of such service

with the Court.

Dated: New York, New York

December 6, 2022

SO ORDERED.

**BARBARA MOSES** 

**United States Magistrate Judge**